

For public testimony on March 7, 2005 regarding:

**RAISED BILL No. 5703**

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF CREDIT FOR  
RETIREMENT PURPOSES UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEES  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

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I am truly grateful to be here before the Labor Committee to speak on behalf of myself and my family regarding **Bill 5703 AN ACT CONCERNING THE PURCHASE OF CREDIT FOR RETIREMENT PURPOSES UNDER THE STATE EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM.**

This act would allow people the opportunity to purchase retirement credits for state service in other states. With this bill, I would be able to retire and take care of my four special needs children. The oldest is 15, but functions more like a 3 to 5 year old, next is also 15 and adopted, plus two boys age 8 and 9.

In 1992 the Department of Correction offered me a managerial position and I accepted and moved to Connecticut.

Without this legislation, I would need to continue to work at least another 6 ½ years before I could be eligible to retire and at that point, only 20 of the 31½ years, I would have served in state service, would apply.

I know that those who served in the military can purchase retirement credits. Those who have had prior state service in Connecticut can purchase retirement credits. I too would like to be afforded the same consideration and be able to purchase retirement credits, from another state, for prior state service. It would be a fair and just thing to do.

I thank you for your time and I wish you well.